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In re Application of
Anthony Griffo
Application No. 10/726,387
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed January 17, 2007, under 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application. This is also a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee and publication fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed September 28, 2006. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 29, 2006.

As to the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2):

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on January 17, 2007 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

The application will be forwarded to Technology Center AU 2877 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

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